

BATTLESHIP IS DESTROYED

Explosion on British Ship
Bulwark While Lying
in the Thames.

NEARLY 800 ARE LOST.

Malachite, Former Cunarder, Sunk by
Germans—Cymric, Former White
Star Liner is Reported Sunk.

Sheerness, England, via London,
Nov. 27.—The British battleship Bul-
wark was destroyed by a terrific ex-
plosion as she lay off here yesterday
morning. There are only 14 survivors
from the crew of 700 or 800 men who
were aboard.

The explosion is believed to have
occurred in her forward magazine.
Whether it was caused by accident or
design is a question to be deter-
mined by the commission which has
been appointed to investigate.

In the opinion of naval men, it was
an internal explosion that put an end
to the battleship which for twelve
years had done service at home and
abroad, and lately had been doing
her part in guarding England's shores.

There was no great upheaval of wa-
ter, such as would have occurred if
she had been torpedoed or struck by
a mine.

Instead, the ship was enveloped in
smoke and flame, and when this had
cleared nothing could be seen but
wreckage floating on the water.

Houses in towns seven and eight
miles away were shaken by the ex-
plosion, and even before men on ships
anchored nearby could reach their
own decks, the Bulwark had disap-
peared. The neighborhood was strewn
with an enormous amount of wreck-
age, while pieces of ship were thrown
six or seven miles onto the Essex
shore.

The British battleship Bulwark, 15,
000 tons displacement, was laid down
in 1899 and completed in 1902. She
was 411 feet long, 75 feet wide, and
drew 29 feet of water. Her arma-
ment consisted of four twelve-inch,
twelve six-inch guns, sixteen twelve
pounders, six three pounders, and
four submerged torpedo tubes. She
had a complement of 750 men.

Sheerness is on the Thames, at the
mouth of Estuary of the Medway. It
is 35 miles down the river from Lon-
don.

London, Nov. 27.—That the activity
of German submarines in the North
Sea and English Channel continues
unabated is shown by the blowing up
of the British steamship Malachite
while bound from Liverpool to Havre.
The Malachite, which was owned by
the Cunard Line, was stopped 3 miles
west of Cape la Heve by a German
submarine, and her crew was given
ten minutes to get into the ship's
small boats. When this was done the
submarine fired a torpedo, which
sank the English merchantman. Then
the submarine disappeared, leaving
the Malachite's sailors to make their
way to Havre, which they did in
safety.

Unconfirmed rumors were circulat-
ed in shipping circles today to the
effect that the British converted
cruiser Cymric, formerly a White
Star liner, has been sunk by the Ger-
mans in the North Sea.

Sheerness, England, via London
November 27.—The destruction of the
British battleship Bulwark at
7:53 yesterday morning is said to
have been due to the fall and burst-
ing of a twelve inch lyddite shell in
her magazine.

ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees
Will Be Held Tonight.

The annual meeting of the Board
of Trustees of the Alexandria Hospi-
tal will be held tonight at 8 o'clock
in the rooms of the Chamber of Com-
merce when officers for the ensuing
year will be elected and reports re-
ceived from the committee on plans
and building for the new hospital and
from the finance committee showing
the payment of pledges up to this
time.

NEWS OF THE DAY

The young woman who became
the bride of Richard Croker, the
former Tammany chieftain, is in
New York yesterday, is an Indian
Princess. Her tribal name among
the Cherokees, whose alphabet she
invented, is Ketaw Kahntuchy.
On the lecture platform she is Beula
Benton Edmondson, the daughter of
a Scotchman, who married the Prin-
cess Sequoyah.

Two persons were killed with an
axe in a costly country residence near
Miami, Fla., early Wednesday and
the house then destroyed by fire,
with the evident intention of conceal-
ing the crime. The dead are Adam
A. Boggs, a widely known Florida
lawyer, and Marjorie Boggs, his
daughter. The attorney was 45 and
the young woman 18 years old.

A general strike of seamen affect-
ing all lines sailing from British
ports was called Wednesday. Ma-
rine traffic, which already was crippled
as a result of the war, has been
paralyzed completely by the seamen's
general strike. The workers de-
mand increased wages because their
risks are increased by the war. Sixty
thousand men are out.

William J. Hill, formerly a guard
at San Quentin, Cal., penitentiary,
was exasperated to insane frenzy
by a trivial quarrel at the breakfast
table and, running wild, killed two
persons and then committed suicide.

One rider was killed and two others
seriously injured, one probably
fatally, in the second annual 300-
mile motorcycle race at Savannah,
Ga., yesterday over the Savannah
motor race course.

The launch from the American
cruiser Tennessee which attempted
to enter the closed harbor of Smyrna
was given a signal that she was ap-
proaching a mine field before the
shots were fired as a warning to the
little craft, according to the expla-
nation of the Turkish minister of war
to American Ambassador Morgenthau.
This was announced by Secre-
tary Bryan last night.

One of the palaces at Messina, It-
aly, damaged by the earthquake in
1908, owing to bad weather, suddenly
collapsed, burying three families
in the ruins. Rescuers immediately
went to work and saved two child-
ren and two women, the latter badly
wounded. Later the bodies of a man,
a woman, and a boy were recovered.
It was ascertained that five persons
were still buried under the ruins.

A dispatch to the Havas Agency
from Venice says that Cardinal Ar-
istides Cavallari, patriarch of Venice,
died yesterday.

An Austrian refugee who was
wounded in the Galician campaign
makes the following statement: "The
physically unfit, including the halt,
lame and purlind, are now leaving
their homes to fill the terribly de-
pleted ranks of the Austrian army.
The Austrian equipment is so scarce
that new recruits must wear the torn,
stained garments of the wounded and
sick. The great discontent which
prevails among the troops is punish-
ed by flogging. I have seen sold-
iers die after such treatment."

A dispatch to the London Daily
Chronicle from a correspondent in
northern France says: "Wednesday
about noon a tremendous explosion
was heard and felt for miles along
the allies' line. The source of the
explosion apparently was behind the
German line. Later it was learned
that a British naval airman had
dropped a bomb squarely on a Ger-
man ammunition train, which blew
up."

An unidentified man about twenty-
three years old, walked into the
Adelphia Hotel at Philadelphia Wed-
nesday night, rapped at the door of
the room occupied by M. G. Condon,
president of H. B. Underwood and
Company, machinists, and demanded
a large sum of money. When Mr.
Condon refused to give him the
money, the young man shot him down
in the presence of his wife. Then
he walked into the corridor, placed
the muzzle of the revolver in his
mouth, and blew off the top of his
head. Mr. Condon is dying in the
Jefferson Hospital. The man who
shot him died instantly.

NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN PROGRESS

Attempts to Bring Under-
standing Between Villa
and Carranza.

MORE TRANQUIL NOW.

Formal Establishment of "Govern-
ment of Mexico" in Vera Cruz—
Carranza Has Garrison of 8,500.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Negotiations
are again in progress between Villa
and Carranza for a peaceful solution
of the entire Mexican problem. That
is said to be the real reason why
Consul John R. Silliman went to Vera
Cruz to join Carranza. The leaders
of the various Mexican factions are re-
ported to be desirous of making at
least one additional effort to get to-
gether before beginning a final bat-
tle with their armies for the mastery
of the nation.

Meanwhile the permanent commit-
tee of the Aguas Calientes commis-
sion, headed by provisional president
Gutierrez is reported in dispatches
reaching the State Department as
due to leave Queretaro today for Mex-
ico City. So far Villa is still outside
of the Mexican capital, but he and
Zapata are in accord, the State De-
partment says, and his entry into the
city is expected very soon.

Confidential State Department ad-
vices today from Consuls Silliman
and Canova and from Special Agent
Carrothers with Villa all agree that
Mexico at the present time is more
tranquil than in a long time.

The report that the American rear
guard was fired on as it was leaving
Vera Cruz is discredited at the War
Department.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, Nov. 27.—Gen.
Venustiano Carranza today formally
established his "government of Mex-
ico" in Vera Cruz.

The last of the Carranza military
forces marched into the seaport dur-
ing the early morning; bringing the
strength of the garrison up to about
8,500 men, foot, guns and horses.

OF C. OFFICERS INSTALLED.

These officers of Fitzgerald Council,
No. 459, Knights of Columbus, were
installed Wednesday night by Harry
Bailey, of Petersburg, Va., district
deputy: C. T. Hellmuth, grand
knights; M. E. Greene, deputy grand
knights; Charles Corgan, chancellor;
James Callan, financial secretary;
E. T. Quinn, recorder; the Rev. L.
F. Kelly, chaplain; A. A. Lucas,
warden; A. A. Lucas, Sr., inside
guard; John T. Harrington, outside
guard; John Bayne, trustee, and Eu-
gene Gorman, organist.

DIED FROM INJURIES

Deceased Was a Native of Alex-
andria County, Virginia.

Dr. William H. Wunder, member of
the dental firm of Wunder and Rowel
of Washington, who was injured in an
automobile accident yesterday morn-
ing, died at Emergency Hospital last
night without regaining conscious-
ness.

Dr. Wunder was injured at Scott
circle when a tire on a front wheel
of his automobile exploded, causing
the machine to turn over. Dr. Wunder
fell on the back of his head sustain-
ing a compound fracture at the base
of the skull, dislocating his right
shoulder and receiving internal in-
juries.

Dr. Wunder was a native of Alex-
andria county, Va., where he was born
in 1860.

New and Up To Date TONSorial PARLOR

Just Opened.
Professor Hammond in
Charge.

309 Cameron St.
Satisfaction Guaranteed

Norfolk Oysters in all Style at the
Hotel Rammel.

C. J. RIXEY'S CASE

Counsel for Convicted Banker Ap-
pear Before Court of Appeals
Today.

Claiming that C. Jones Rixey, for-
mer president of the Virginia Safe
Deposit and Trust Corporation of this
city, has been ordered to the
Southwestern Asylum for the Crim-
inally Insane at Marion, Va., without
due process of law and that the act
of the general assembly of Virginia
providing for the commitment of
persons to that hospital was invalid
because there was no such hospital
at the time of the order for Mr. Rixey's
commitment there, and alleging
other grounds for the release of their
client, Attorneys John L. Jeffries, of
Norfolk and James R. Caton, of this
city, appeared before the Supreme
Court of Appeals of Virginia this
morning and asked for the release of
Mr. Rixey on a writ of habeas corpus.
The court took the application under
consideration and will set a date for a
hearing.

Many interesting points of law are
embraced in this attempt of Mr.
Rixey to secure his release from the
asylum, the principal one being on the
validity of the act of the general as-
sembly in reference to the criminal in-
sane. When Mr. Rixey was placed
in the custody of the City Sergeant
Cox, of Alexandria to be removed to
Marion the hospital had not been com-
pleted and he was temporarily placed
at Staunton where he is still con-
fined.

Another point brought up by his
attorneys is that the corporation
court of this city did not have the
right to have a lunacy commission
appointed to examine Mr. Rixey's
sanity as he had already been judged
insane by a commission held at
Orange, Va., September 9th, 1911.

The four grounds for the writ of
habeas corpus are as follows:
1st. That the Act of the General
Assembly of Virginia under which
C. J. Rixey was committed by the
order of the Corporation Court of
the city of Alexandria entered on the
12th of February, 1912 to the custody
of the Sergeant of the city of Alex-
andria to be by him delivered to the
Superintendent of the Southwestern
State Hospital for the Insane at
Marion, to be there confined in
the Ward for the Criminal Insane,
was invalid because the act under
which the order of the Corporation
Court was made was inoperative at
the date of the order, and because
there existed at that time no such
Ward for the Criminal Insane.

2nd. Because the order of the
Corporation Court violates the pro-
visions of the second paragraph of
Section 8, Article 1 of the Constitu-
tion of Virginia.

3rd. That the judgment of the
Commission of Lunacy held in the
County of Orange on the 9th of Sep-
tember, 1911, was res adjudicata,
and therefore the Corporation Court
could not proceed any further with
the case until the defendant was
discharged from the Western State
Hospital for the Insane at Staunton.

4th. That the order of the Corpora-
tion Court was invalid because not
authorized by the Act which the or-
der was entered.

POLICE FORCE INSPECTED.

Commissioners Hold Out Hope For
Increased Pay.

The semi-annual inspection of the
Alexandria police force by the board
of police commissioners was held
Wednesday afternoon in the police
courtroom with all of the members
of the force and Commissioners Shinn
Knight, and Schwarzmann present.
Mayor Fisher was out of the city,
and Courtney Acton, who was elected
a member of the police board at a
meeting of the City Council Tuesday
night, had not taken the oath of of-
fice.

After a critical inspection of the
uniforms and equipment of the offi-
cers, the commissioners congratulated
them upon their appearance. Com-
missioner Knight told the men that
there were many rumors of in-
fractures of the rules laid down by
the police board, and warned them
to be careful of their conduct. He
read specifically the section that for-
bids policemen entering saloons, ex-
cept in the discharge of their duty.

The commissioner predicted that the
City Council would grant the police-
men an increase of salary as soon as
the city's finances will permit.

DARING ATTEMPT TO MINE TRENCHES

German Sappers Succeeded in
Coming Well Up to
British Lines.

PLAN IS DISCOVERED.

Cannonading and Infantry Attacks in
Flanders Continue—Attempt to
Bridge Yser Frustrated.

Paris, Nov. 27.—A daring attempt
to mine allied trenches in the vicinity
of Arras was reported today. Ger-
man sappers had succeeded in carry-
ing a mine trench well up to the Brit-
ish lines working under cover of
darkness. Only the discovery of the
enemy prevented the blowing up of
the Britons, with enormous loss of
life.

Heavy cannonading, with intermit-
tent infantry attacks, continue today
along the great battle line stretching
across northern France and Belgium
in the Vosges operations are largely
suspended, owing to heavy snows. On
the northern end of the line, however,
the Germans continue their activity,
so far as the weather will permit.

An attempt to throw a pontoon
bridge across the Yser was frustrated
by an armored train of the allies. It
broke off the Germans who had all
but completed their work.

Aviators have succeeded in dropping
bombs in several German positions.
They have destroyed great quanti-
ties of supplies and many provision
trains.

The intense cold causes the great-
est suffering in the allied trenches
of the present positions are to be
held throughout the winter military
authorities realize something must
be done to allay the suffering of the
troops.

They are now considering a plan of
electricity heating the main trenches.
Engineers have held this as feasible
as the successful expedient of charg-
ing wire entanglements with electri-
city.

FOOT SPECIALIST COMING.

Representative of Dr. Scholl Will
Be Here Next Week.

People who have feet troubles will
be glad to know that A. Katz, the
well known shoe dealer, has made
arrangements to have a demonstra-
tion of the devices invented by Dr.
William M. Scholl here next Friday
and Saturday. The demonstration
will be absolutely free and there is
no obligation to buy. Among the
things to be shown are the school
shoes, arch supporters, bunion cor-
rectors, and other foot fault correc-
tors.

The efficiency of each article will
be shown and suggestions made that
will remedy all troubles of the
feet.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

The following contributions to the
Belgian Relief fund are acknowledged
by the local committee: Mrs. M.
A. Wheatley, \$5; P. M. Bradshaw, \$5;
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Harrison, \$2;
Miss Milburn, \$1; Miss Clara Moore,
\$1; Dr. Hugh McGuire, \$20; William
P. Smoot, \$20; Carlin-Hulfish Co, \$10;
Swan Bros., \$10; Robert L. Payne,
\$5.

CUTTING AFFRAY

During a "cutting bee" which took
place last night in the yards of the
Washington Southern Railway, two
negroes, Herbert Rawlings and Mel-
vin Rawlings were badly cut about the
head. James Bradus, another negro,
was charged with the cutting. The
three men were turned over to the
Alexandria County authorities.

MARRIAGE NOTICE.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1914, at
the parsonage of the Methodist
Protestant Church, MR. H. BAR-
BOUR BEACH and MISS MAMIE
L. SIMPSON, both of this city.

LOCAL BREVITIES

The inmates of the Alexandria
almshouse were treated to a pleasant
surprise Wednesday afternoon when
members of the Women's Home Mis-
sion of Trinity Church visited them
and prepared for those at the alms-
house a delicious Thanksgiving
feast. It was a most enjoyable oc-
casion for the inmates and those who
gave the party were fully repaid by
its welcome.

The directors of the Retail Mer-
chants Association held a meeting in
their rooms this afternoon for the
purpose of planning a credit depart-
ment and readjusting the dues.

Alexandria Council, No. 5 Order of
Fraternal Americans held a Thanks-
giving service in their hall on King
street last night. O. H. Daniels, pre-
sided and an address was made by the
Rev. O. W. Triplett, pastor of the
Second Baptist Church.

Rose E. Carter has sold to John
E. and Clarence E. Purcell a house
and lot on Henry street, between
King and Prince.

P. M. Bradshaw, re-elected at
the last meeting of the City Council
a School Trustee from the Second
ward, qualified today before the
clerk of the Corporation Court.

The 17th Virginia U. D. C. will
meet tomorrow morning at the resi-
dence of Mrs. Reid, 506 Duke street.

VA. A. C. ON TOP.

Add Another Victory by Defeating
Engineers Yesterday.

The Va. A. C. yesterday added an-
other victory to its string by defeat-
ing the heavy Engineer team by the
score of 20-0.

The team work of the home team
was the best exhibition given this
season.

On the offence, the interference
given the runner was as near per-
fect as any club team could give
which enabled Va. to make their way
to the goal line.

Two of the Va. touchdowns were
made by spectacular end runs follow-
ing caught by B. Wenzel over the goal
line while the other was made by
trick plays hitting off tackle.

On two different occasions one of
the big Engineers backs ran through
the Va. line for long gains and look-
ed very much at both times as if he
might get away for a touchdown but
was brought down by the pretty
tackles of J. Wenzel.

The defense work of W. Nalls was
nothing short of wonderful in back-
ing up the line and stopping the
heavy backs of the Engineers for on-
ly short gains.

The line from end to end played a
great game against the heavy op-
ponents one would think judging from
appearances, would rip the Va. line
to pieces in every play. Frank Cock-
erell and B. Wenzel, the two ends were
in every play no matter if it were
around the end or through the line.

The tackles and guard positions
were well taken care of at all times
while in center Hayden was every-
where. When it was thought the game
was well in hand Cockerell and Wen-
zel were replaced by Haynes and Bos-
well who played well.

The management is trying to ar-
range a game with the strong Takoma
A. C. for next Sunday.

NEEDLEWORK GUILD.

The Alexandria Branch of the
Needlework Guild of America had its
final distribution of new garments
Wednesday afternoon at 416 Duke
street. Four hundred and fourteen
new garments were distributed as
follows: Hospital, 84; children's
Home, 70; Old Ladies' Home, 28;
private donations, 61; Miss Shotts,
110; Co-operative Charities, 61.

DEATH NOTICE.

DIED—Thursday, November 26, at
12:40 P. M. at his late residence,
119 N. Henry street, CLARENCE
R. B. HAWKINS, husband
of Sadie Gaines Hawkins, and only
son of Mr. and Mrs. William A.
Hawkins. Funeral Sunday after-
noon at 3 p. m. from Roberts
Chapel, M. E. Church, South-
Washington street—(Washington,
Philadelphia and Pittsburgh papers
please copy.)

GERMANS MEET WITH DEFEAT

Experience Greatest Dis-
aster Since Beginning
Of the War.

CAUGHT IN OWN NET.

Rout Complete—Teutons Abandoning
From the Russians.

Petrograd, Nov. 27.—If one may be-
lieve reports from unusually well in-
formed private source, the Germans
have met in Poland with the greatest
disaster that has befallen them since
the beginning of the war. Even ac-
cording to the laconic official com-
munications, their position is grave.

Just east of Lodz a large German
force is hemmed in by the Russians
on the line of Strykow, Brzeziny,
Kolus Kihzgow and Tushin, and is
making the utmost efforts to fight
his way through to the north.

This force is believed to consist
of three army corps, including the
Prussian Guard. Already numbers of
Prussian Guards are being led as
prisoners through Warsaw.

The situation is curious. The Ger-
mans hoping they would be able to
strike a rapid blow before the Rus-
sians succeeded in concentrating,
broke through the Russian center.

Their objective was clearly the
Petrokow on the line between Czen-
stochowa and Warsaw, and they were
confident of establishing themselves
right in the heart of the Russian
armies, and then disposing of them
piecemeal.

The position of the Russians seem-
ed very serious, and in the intricacies
of this maneuvering it was almost
impossible for the immediate partici-
pants to tell whether they were being
guided to a great victory or defeat.
The Russian troops fought with the
utmost stubbornness, inflicting blow
after blow at various points.

There came a day when somebody
was obviously surrounded, and some
Russian officers were inclined to be-
lieve that the Germans had actually
surrounded their forces, but the
magnificent strategy of the Russian
commanders triumphed in the end.

The Germans were caught in their
own net. Hemmed in by Russians,
cut off from the other German corps
that are fighting a losing battle to the
east, near the Vistula, cut off from
their baggage trains and stores of am-
munition, the luckless Germans are
desperately attacking their captors in
the hope of forcing their way north-
ward to their base at Thorn or else re-
joining their comrades for a last ef-
fort.

London, Nov. 27.—Official news re-
ceived in London declares that the
route of the German and Austrian
forces in Poland, has been complete.
The general staff, however, is not yet
able to give any details of this fight-
ing.

"It is now clear that the Russian
victory in Poland is decisive," says
the Petrograd correspondent of the
Express. "The number of prisoners is
estimated at 50,000."
"The Germans have begun a re-
treat along the entire front," and in
correspondent continues, "and in
many places the fighting is a dis-
ordered rout, marked by the abandon-
ment of artillery, maxims and trans-
ports."

NOTICE TO RED MEN.

Seminole Tribe No. 35, will hold
their annual Thanksgiving Service in
the Methodist Protestant Church on
Sunday evening, November 29, at
7:30 P. M. The sermon will be
preached by Rev. C. R. Strauberg,
who is a member of our tribe. The annual
officers and members of Semiole
Tribe will meet at Old Fellows Hall
on north Columbus street on Sunday
evening at 7 p. m. to attend in a
body. The officers and members of
Osceola Tribe No. 7, are cordially
invited to attend this service. By
Order of our Sachem, GEORGE K. BENDER, C. of R.
Seminole Tribe No. 35.